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Michael Powell@fcc.gov.

Re: cell phones on airplanes.

In the case of a flight delay - I can understand where it would be convenient, on the other hand, some ill-mannered folks carry on private conversations that one does not want to be privy to.

Do you suppose there can be a section of the plane that can be reserved for short, necessary phone calls? Only, short, necessary.

I, for one, am happy for the few hours of being uncommunicado. While up in the air, we are, for the most part, unable to administer to all the problems.

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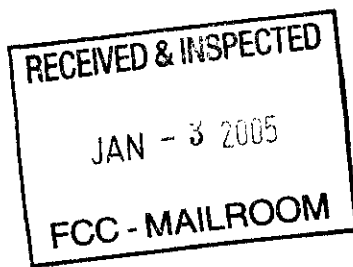
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December 27, 2004

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445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Powell,

I am pleading with you at this time prohibit the use of cell phones on airplanes.

Although I have owned a cell phone for 10 years I do not use it while driving, shopping, eating and the like. In my line of work, property management, the cell phone is a necessary tool, but nothing is so important that it cannot wait until an appropriate arena to use it.

I fear, and I KNOW there will be rude customers who just can't wait until they get off the plane to call their agent, babysitter, husband, etc. They will think THEIR emergency is the most important.

Please ensure that the rest of the American people can have peace in the air.

Sincerely,

Catherine Scanlon

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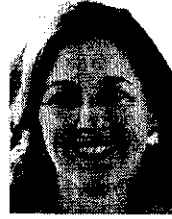
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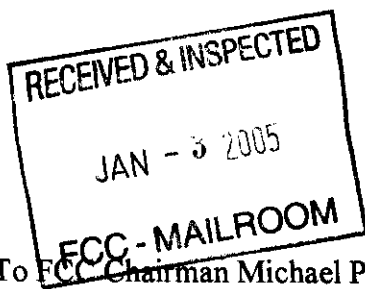
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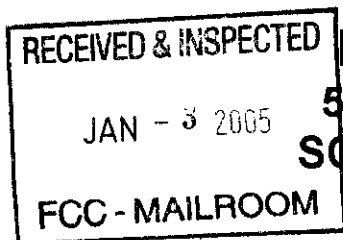


November 30, 2004

To FCC Chairman Michael Powell,

I know that the FCC takes complaints about broadcasts so I would like to comment and make a request.

I heard you on the radio with Ronn Owens and Howard Stern. I disagree with the decisions of the FCC to fine Howard Stern. I am not in the broadcast business but from what I hear the rules regarding fines for "indency" are not clear. I think that they should be made as clear as possible. Also, from what I hear the FCC is issuing fines for things that may not be "indecent." Most importantly, I think that there has not been a through discussion of what is going on. I request that you FCC Chairman Michael Powell publicly debate Howard Stern with Ronn Owens serving as moderator. I request that my request be made public and addressed publicly. I think that the FCC has an obligation to respond to people like me that think that there has been too much done limiting free speech. I think that Howard stern has not said indecent things on the air.



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December 23, 2004

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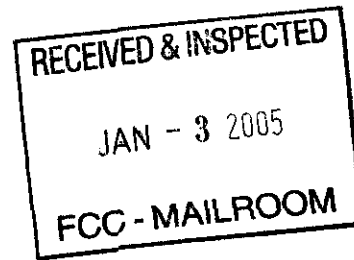
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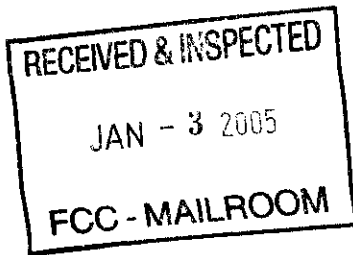
I use to ride the train to work and cell phone usage at times was so inconsiderate some of us would have to move to another car to escape. In-flight airliners do not afford that luxury. Most persons are courteous when using their phone, however the longer we talk (and I find myself guilty as well) the louder we become. I'm thinking it is because the phone microphone is so small we think we have to speak louder in order for the other person to hear. This can be observed when persons speak into other larger microphones; you can see them bend forward into the microphone even though the instrument is sensitive enough to pick up sounds in the audience.

I for one am not interested in other's personal life. I have heard in graphic detail (without eavesdropping) of childbirths, divorces, finding Jesus, and last night on the bus I now know Mr. X's doctor lost his medical records because the nurse wrote down the wrong social security number. Mr. X is in perfect physical health and desperately needs his medical records to secure his job at the Port Authority. If you find Mr. X's medical records you can mail them to Naval Station San Diego, Port Authority. I (as well as 4 other people) had the whole business address as well as his complete name, SSN, phone number and personal residence, however I did not write them down so the Port Authority reference is all I remember. If for no other reason, phone usage should not be allowed if only to protect persons from themselves.

Please consider very carefully what it would be like to be trapped for hours on an airliner having to listen to another person's personal life. There are already phones on the airplanes, although I have never seen them used, so that should be enough for any emergency that arises. And during an emergency (9/11) people would turn on their cells for use anyway. Once the airplane is on the ground I have no problem with someone calling to make sure of reservations, contact relatives or friends to coordinate pick ups and whatever. If you do allow unrestricted cell phone usage on in-flight aircraft, please confine it to business class and not allow cell phone use in the regular passenger cabin during flight.

Thank you for your consideration.

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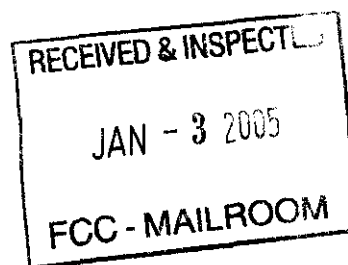
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December 21, 2004



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This letter is to voice my opposition to allowing the use of cell phones on airplanes. While cell phones are a very useful commodity in our modern world, at the same time they have created another level of rudeness and lack of consideration for others.

People have a tendency to talk louder than normal on the cell phones. If a seat mate starts yelling into a cell phone that can be very irritating and annoying. Air travel is already a hassle, flights are jammed, security has been heightened and cell phone use could make the experience even more of a pain.

I urge you to please continue to ban the use of cell phones on airplanes.

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On Wednesday, the FCC unanimously voted to consider lifting the ban on cell phones at 30,000 feet. If the Federal Aviation Administration gives the safety go-ahead, cell phones are coming to a seat near you.

My bet is that more people are offended by cell phone functions than wardrobe malfunctions. The people who spew their life stories in public are surely guilty of indecent exposure. Nevertheless, Commissioner Michael Copps barely tipped his hat to "the annoying seatmate issue." And fellow Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein said airily, "Our job is to see if this is possible and then let consumers work out the etiquette."

Work out the etiquette? We are headed into the perfect storm of incivility, where cell rage meets air rage. But since the FCC has asked for public commentary, this public will comment. In the famous words of cell phone users everywhere, "Can you hear me?"

Flying is already as pleasant as checking into prison. We are greeted at the airport by rent-a-cops who investigate everything from our wingtips to our titanium hips. We have our cuticle scissors confiscated, get molested by perfect strangers, and board bankrupt airlines manned by cranky flight attendants who have just lost their pensions and won a 20 percent pay cut.

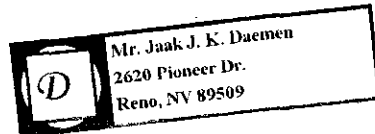
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already cringe when the man conducting a leveraged buyout in the Jetway sits down beside us. Imagine our joy when he shares the story of his colonoscopy in full cell-yell all the way across the country.

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Paul Saffo of the Institute for the Future flies about 200,000 miles a year and is no pal of the cell phone. "New technologies are wild animals," he says, "they're unsocialized, unpredictable and impolite." It took years after the invention of the phone just to learn to say "hello."

Remember, he says, that we already have phones on the backs of some seats. The ability to talk through computers is coming ready or not. Saffo actually finds the alarm about cell phones in the flying prisons "encouraging." "It's a sign that we will work out social conventions about what's polite and what's not polite."

I am also willing to acknowledge some heartening signs of social pressure. The trains that traverse the Northeast Corridor are now equipped with quiet cars and vigilante passengers who set upon cell phone users with a vengeance that we can only applaud. Restaurants are increasingly blessed with no-phone signs and sections. A group of inventive restaurant owners have even installed phone booths into

which a diner can retreat with her cell.

There is also a techno-retreat from the cell phone ring to the cell phone vibrator. And the "dirty look," a facial form of shunning once used to drive smokers out of doors, now drives some phoners out of movie theaters.

But we can't have a no-phone zone in a plane where secondhand noise circulates more freely than oxygen. Nor can you take the call outside. There's no room for knees, let alone a phone booth, in the plane, and the only one who would approve of putting a plastic bag over the user is Jack Kevorkian.

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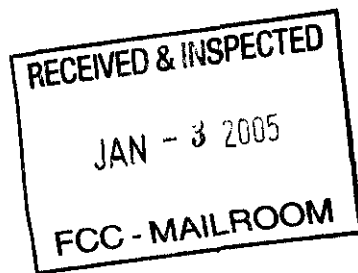
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Honorable Michael K. Powell, Chairman
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Subj: Proposal to Life Ban on Cell Telephone Use on Airplanes During Flight

Dear Chairman Powell:

We wish to go on record as OPPOSED to allowing the use of cell phones on airplanes while the airplanes are in flight and in operation leaving and arriving at the gate. We assume that the Federal Aviation Administration will determine whether or not the use of cell phones constitute a risk to the safe operation of the airplanes. What concerns us in this instance is the annoyance to passengers, in a confined area, who will be forced to listen to travelers talking over their cell phones, with no respite from the noise of conversation, crudity of language, duration of calls, and intrusion into our peace of mind, rest, and privacy. Surely, travelers can endure the lack of telephone conversation for the few hours that most flights take. Additionally, the prospect that individuals will someday be able to "communicate" by laptop computer should vastly reduce the need to communicate by cell phone. Those of us who travel have rights to peace and quiet during our flight, just as we have rights to be free of obnoxious cigarette smoke around us when we fly.

Please reject this proposal.

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